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SUBJ: CSCE: SOVIET ACTION IN COMMITTEE III: COOPERATION IN
HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS

1. FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE III ON SEPT 18 HIGHLIGHTED
BY SOVIET DELEGATE'S EFFORT TO FOCUS COMMITTEE'S
ATTENTION ON GENERAL DIRECTIVES SET FORTH IN PREAMBULAR
PARAGRAPHS 42-44 OF FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS. DUBININ
STRESSED IMPORTANCE THESE PARAGRAPHS AND NEED FOR
COMMITTEE TO "ORGANIZE ITSELF" TO GIVE PROMPT CON-
SIDERATION TO THEM. DELEGATES FROM OTHER WARSAW PACT
COUNTRIES (EXCEPT ROMANIA) SUPPORTED SOVDEL WITH VARIOUS
SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, INCLUDING DIRECTIVE TO SUB-COMMITTEE
10(CULTURE) TO DRAFT GENERAL PROPOSALS BASED ON PARAGRAPHS
42-44, ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL WORKING GROUP TO HANDLE
THIS ASSIGNMENT, AND INITIATION OF DISCUSSION THESE
PARAGRAPHS BY FULL COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 21. DESPITE
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BROAD OPPOSITION TO DEVIATION FROM WORKING PROGRAM

AGREED TO BY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (ESPECIALLY FROM UK, FRANCE, FTG, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND), SOVIET DELEGATE CONTINUED PRESS ISSUE AND COMMITTEE MET AGAIN AT UNSCHEDULED AFTERNOON SESSION.

2. IN THAT SESSION FRENCH DELEGATE TOOK LEAD IN ARGUING THAT DISCUSSION WITHIN COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PARAGRAPHS 42-44 MUST BE GEARED TO PROGRESS IN THE WORK OF THE FOUR SUB-COMMITTEES. AFTER PROTRACTED DISCUSSION, SWISS CHAIRMAN PROPOSED AS COMPROMISE SOLUTION THAT OFFICIAL DOCUMENT BE SENT TO COORDINATING COMMITTEE MAKING TWO POINTS: (A) PARAGRAPHS 42-44 FALL WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF COMMITTEE III; (B) COMMITTEE WILL REFER TO COORDINATING COMMITTEE THE PROPOSAL THAT AS FROM OCTOBER 1 THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS SHOULD HAVE REGARD TO THE LATTER COMMITTEE'S WISH TO TAKE THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS INTO CONSIDERATION AT SUCH TIMES AS WILL HARMONIZE WITH THE TIME-TABLE OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES. SOVIET DELEGATE ACCEPTED THIS PROPOSAL.

3. COMMENT: WESTERN DELEGATIONS WERE IMPRESSED BY PERSISTENCE OF SOVIET DELEGATE ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH WIDELY REGARDED AS REFLECTING SOVIET DESIRE TO INITIATE PROMPTLY WORK ON BROAD, GENERALIZED STATEMENTS IN THIS SENSITIVE AREA, BEARING IN MIND PARAGRAPH 43 DIRECTIVE REGARDING FULL RESPECT FOR PRINCIPLES ENUMERATED FOR COMMITTEE I INCLUDING "NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS". BASSIN

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